

Union Calendar No. 251

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2788

[Report No. 111–435]

To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March
Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

MARCH 11, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. DREIER, Mr. MASSA, Mr. SNYDER,
Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. McKEON, Mr. WU, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ISSA,
Mr. LEWIS of California, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. POSEY, Mr.
LINDER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. WOLF, Mrs.
BLACKBURN, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr.
KILDEE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BOCCIERI, Mr. LATTI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN,
Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CAO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PUTNAM, Ms.
MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms.
FUDGE, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. LANCE,
Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GALLEGLY, Ms. NORTON,
Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs.
DAHLKEMPER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr.
HUNTER, and Mrs. LOWEY

MARCH 11, 2010

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Distinguished Flying
5 Cross National Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**
7 **NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN RIVERSIDE, CALI-**
8 **FORNIA.**

9 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

10 (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the
11 number of members of the Armed Forces who have
12 been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross indi-
13 cate that 126,318 members of the Armed Forces re-
14 ceived the medal during World War II, approxi-
15 mately 21,000 members received the medal during
16 the Korean conflict, and 21,647 members received
17 the medal during the Vietnam War. Since the end
18 of the Vietnam War, more than 203 Armed Forces
19 members have received the medal in times of con-
20 flict.

21 (2) The National Personnel Records Center in
22 St. Louis, Missouri, burned down in 1973, and thus
23 many more recipients of the Distinguished Flying
24 Cross may be undocumented. Currently, the Depart-
25 ment of Defense continues to locate and identify

1 members of the Armed Forces who have received the
2 medal and are undocumented.

3 (3) The United States currently lacks a na-
4 tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-
5 rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who
6 have distinguished themselves by heroic deeds per-
7 formed in aerial flight.

8 (4) An appropriate memorial to current and
9 former members of the Armed Forces is under con-
10 struction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside,
11 California.

12 (5) This memorial will honor all those members
13 of the Armed Forces who have distinguished them-
14 selves in aerial flight, whether documentation of
15 such members who earned the Distinguished Flying
16 Cross exists or not.

17 (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to members of the
18 Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished
19 Flying Cross that is under construction at March Field
20 Air Museum in Riverside, California, is hereby designated
21 as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial.

22 (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-
23 rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National
24 Park System, and the designation of the national memo-
25 rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal

- 1 funds to be expended for any purpose related to the na-
- 2 tional memorial.

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